



## **First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact – June 2, 2015**

### **FirstNet News**

- The User Advocacy Team spent time preparing for the PSAC (6/1), Committee and Board meetings (6/2-3) this week. The presentations are now posted on the FirstNet website, <http://www.firstnet.gov/content/public-safety-advisory-committee-meeting-june-1-2015>. You may find the agenda for the Committee and Board meetings here: <http://firstnet.gov/content/firstnet-board-meeting-june-2-3-2015>.
- If you haven't yet had a chance, take a look at the new YouTube video produced by the Public Safety Communications Research Labs (PSCR): "FirstNet Priority, Pre-emption, and Quality of Service Tutorial: LTE Basic Concepts". Tracy McElvaney of PSCR, does a great job of presenting these concepts in terms that everyone can understand. <https://youtu.be/h189vQhzWFc>
- This week, in addition to the PSCR Stakeholder meeting in San Diego June 3-5, FirstNet will be presenting at: the APCO Data Types & Security Mechanisms for Public Safety Apps (June 2- San Diego, CA), the Police Executive Research Forum/Major Cities Chiefs Association Annual Conference (June 2-4, Phoenix, AZ), the Telecommunications Association of the Southeast (TASE) Summer Symposium (June 5-7, Destin, FL), and the Michigan Sheriff's Association 2015 Summer Professional Development Seminar ( June 7-9, Thompsonville, MI),
- Last week FirstNet was at the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) conference in Bethesda, Maryland.
- The 31<sup>st</sup> initial consultation meetings took place last week in Connecticut. There were 34 state, local and tribal attendees, including law enforcement, fire, EMS, CIO, and public health representatives. The 31 initial consultation meetings thus far have involved almost 2,000 state, tribal, and local representatives. Overall, we have connected with more than 25,000 public safety and private sector stakeholders at more than 175 outreach and consultation engagements in fiscal year 2015 to date.

- To date, FirstNet has received 51 of 56 completed consultation checklists. Confirmed upcoming initial consultation meetings are: New Hampshire (6/9), New Mexico (6/10), Ohio (6/11), Vermont (6/16), Kansas (6/17), Wisconsin (6/18), Illinois (7/14), Alabama (7/15), Georgia (7/21), California (7/28-29), Tennessee (7/23), Pennsylvania (8/4), Hawaii (8/11-12), American Samoa (8/13-14), Indiana (8/26), Michigan (9/1) and New Jersey (9/3). An updated schedule can be viewed on the [website tracker](#).

## Media Watch

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### *Traditional Media*

Much of this week's media coverage of FirstNet looked ahead to the future of public safety communications, including the release of a roadmap by NIST concerning the nationwide public safety broadband network and how it will improve operations for first responders. The International Wireless Communications Expo (IWCE) webinar on the FirstNet draft RFP also received coverage in a few trade publications.

## Find Funding to Tap into FirstNet

<http://digital.olivesoftware.com/Olive/ODE/MissionCritical/Default.aspx?href=MCR%2F2015%2F06%2F01&pageno=28&view=document>

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) has spent the past year consulting and planning the rollout of its public safety broadband network. Once deployed, the network will provide more bandwidth and reliable data connectivity for first responders than anything currently available commercially. Even though Congress has authorized \$7 billion in funding to support the initiative, it won't come free to first responders, and getting onboard with FirstNet could prove onerous, especially for small and medium-sized agencies that aren't eligible for Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) funds. Fortunately, a number of grant programs from both the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) can fund devices and service contracts that will enable agencies to participate in FirstNet.

## **Fierce Mobile Government: New NIST Document Envisions Broadband Public Safety Network Over Next 20 Years**

<http://www.fiercemobilegovernment.com/story/new-nist-document-envisions-broadband-public-safety-network-over-next-20-ye/2015-05-26>

The National Institute of Standards and Technology has published a document that envisions what a national broadband communications network might look like in two decades, specifically focusing on location-based services to improve situational awareness for first responders...The document is based on a 2013 workshop of 150 public and private sector participants and was commissioned by PSCR, which operates a 700 megahertz public safety broadband demonstration network. Currently, an independent government entity called the First Responder Network Authority, or FirstNet, is spearheading development of a broadband network that would address the decades-long problem of first responders to communicate with one another due to stand-alone systems and devices that are incompatible across many jurisdictions. Money has been raised through recent spectrum auctions by the federal government.

## **Urgent Communications: Changes in Public-safety Communications are Happening Quickly—and Acceleration is Likely in the Forecast**

<http://urgentcomm.com/blog/changes-public-safety-communications-are-happening-quickly-and-acceleration-likely-forecast>

Evolution in public-safety communications has become noticeably more rapid in recent years, and the pace of change is likely to accelerate during the next several years, driven largely by developments in FirstNet and next-generation 911.

### *Web and Social Media*

Social media discussion touched on next week's meetings, local outreach conducted by the states, the annual National Hurricane Preparedness Week – which took place this week, as well as 'The Internet of First Responder Things (IoFRT)' – based on a blog written by WA SPOC Bill Schrier. You may find that blog here:

<https://schrier.wordpress.com/2015/05/25/the-internet-of-first-responder-things-iofirt/>;

The FirstNet Twitter account has more than 2,239 followers; LinkedIn 737; Google+ 45; and YouTube 113 subscribers. We published a video tutorial on priority, pre-emption, and quality of service that was developed in partnership with the PSCR on the FirstNet

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